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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Monday, November 7, 2011 2 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Sunday, November 6, 2011 4:04 p.m.
Nature of Event: Man Arrested on Church Grounds
Location of Call: 11600 Atwood Road, Auburn, CA
Released by: Dena Erwin, PIO (530) 889-6901

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:



A Placer County Sheriff's canine found a man hiding on the grounds of an Auburn church Sunday afternoon, where the man had stashed an AK-47 rifle and other items he had stolen from a friend's nearby home. The man was subsequently arrested by deputies.

A resident on Bridle Court in Auburn called the sheriff's dispatch center at 4:04 p.m. to report that a friend who had previously been staying with them had returned to the home, unauthorized, and stolen an AK-47 rifle, cash, some medical marijuana and electronics. The suspect, Ryan Thomas Bailey, 23, was seen by witnesses leaving that home minutes earlier, carrying a bag and other items. The home is in close proximity to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish on Atwood Road. Multiple deputies responded to the area of the church, which was holding mass at the time. A church official was contacted and the church was placed into lockdown. There were approximately 50 people inside the church.

Just after the lockdown was instituted, K-9 Okar located Bailey hiding between some church school buildings. He was taken into custody and booked at the Placer County Jail.

Deputies found the items that were reported stolen from the home scattered around the church grounds.

Bailey was booked on felony charges of residential burglary, grand theft of a firearm, a felon possessing a firearm and possessing a firearm on school grounds. He was also charged with a misdemeanor violation of probation. Additionally, Bailey was wanted on two warrants – one for transporting or selling narcotics, the other for driving while having a suspended driver's license. His bail is set at \$70,000.